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SUBJECT: [illegible] Trouble in University of San Carlos

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In the Latin American Republic there have been signs of preparations for an undercover struggle between left-wing and moderate factions seeking control of the University of [illegible], a struggle which will come out into the open in January when elections take place of a new Rector and new Deans for most of the faculties.

Until recently the Communist-Communist students had managed to maintain control of the majority of university students (FUD). However, the new president of the FUD, [illegible] Castillo, elected in October, is a member of the pro-Communist Student Organization FUD (Frente Universitario Democrático), and [illegible] one of his first acts was to send a telegram to President [illegible] congratulating the Federation in Cuba of student delegates returning from the [illegible]. Another other member of the newly elected [illegible], [illegible] Arnaldo [illegible] Vega, is known to be a Communist. The [illegible] Board of Directors of the FUD is as follows:

President:	Roberto [illegible] Castillo
First Secretary:	J. Antonio [illegible] Reyes
Second Secretary:	Manuel [illegible]
First Treasurer:	Eduardo [illegible]
Second Treasurer:	Roberto [illegible] Torres
[illegible]	Fernando [illegible]
	Oscar [illegible]
	Arnaldo [illegible] Vega
	Francisco [illegible]
	Roberto [illegible]
	Ramón [illegible] Franco

[illegible] Faculty one of the student delegates elected [illegible] was a Communist candidate. This was described [illegible] as a [illegible] for the FUD.

[illegible] Communists would be made by left-wing [illegible] in University elections of the colegios (the [illegible] Derecho Diario on November [illegible] to modify the [illegible] University Statutes will [illegible]

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A proposed [illegible] by Deputy Chris[illegible] A. RODDIS, a member of the Congressional Committee on Education (clipping enclosed). The motion will propose [illegible] (equal votes for the student body, the professors, [illegible]) be changed to two-way voting by combining the vote of the professors and the students, or, in effect, suppressing the vote of the students. If this amendment passes, it will facilitate domination of the forthcoming University elections by the students and will probably result in the election of University officials with more leftist tendencies than the incumbents.

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Information Officer

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1) El Imparcial
2) Nuestro Diario
3) La Hora
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5) Diario de Centro América
6) Impacto
7) La Hora Dominical
8) Correo de Oente
9) El Guatemalteco
10) El Espectador
11) Tribuna Popular
12) Diario del Pueblo

SE PROYECTA MODIFICAR LEY ORGANICA DE LA UNIVERSIDAD

Sobre la Elección de Miembros Directivos

La próxima semana conocerá el Congreso de la República de una moción tendiente a modificar la Ley Orgánica de la Universidad de San Carlos, sobre el aspecto de la elección de miembros directivos.

La moción será presentada por el diputado Enrique A. Rodríguez, miembro de la comisión de educación pública, quien esta mañana dijo que era necesario modificar dicha ley, para garantizar al estudiantado la paridad de voto en las elecciones, pues los profesionales tienen en la actualidad derecho a dos votos.

Manifestó el diputado Rodríguez que el 80 por ciento de la voluntad de elegir a los miembros directivos la tienen los profesionales, no así los estudiantes que casi siempre pierden las elecciones. Agregó que entre las agrupaciones estudiantiles, como el Frente Universitario Democrático, la Asociación El Derecho y la Juventud Médica, ya se ha unificado el criterio sobre el particular.

Finalmente, el diputado Rodríguez anunció que varios representantes se han mostrado interesados en reformar la Ley Orgánica de la Universidad, con el fin de adaptarla mejor a las realidades nacionales del movimiento de avanzada de la juventud.

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